

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Section 5-5e as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5e new)

7 Sec. 5-5e. Waiver for home and community-based services for
8 children with developmental disabilities or autism spectrum
9 disorder. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services
10 shall apply for a waiver or waivers from the United States
11 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services pursuant to Section
12 1915(c) of the Social Security Act no later than June 1, 2006,
13 or as soon thereafter as practicable, to allow payment for
14 in-home and community-based treatment, therapies, training
15 including parent training, and other necessary aids and
16 services for children from the age of 3 up to the age of 21 who
17 are diagnosed with a developmental disability or autism
18 spectrum disorder, including those children whose families
19 would not otherwise qualify for medical assistance under this
20 Article due to family income or assets. The application or
21 applications shall request an implementation date of January 1,
22 2007, or as soon thereafter as may be approved by the United
23 States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and shall
24 provide for: (i) a minimum of 800 children in the first year of
25 implementation, of which no fewer than 500 shall be children
26 with autism spectrum disorder; (ii) a minimum of 1,750 children
27 in the second year of implementation, of which no fewer than
28 1,000 shall be children with autism spectrum disorder; and
29 (iii) a minimum of 3,350 in the third and subsequent years of
30 implementation, of which 2,000 shall be children with autism
31 spectrum disorder.

32 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.